

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)  
Canadian patent database, Delphion, and Internet. Search terms used: ventilatory assist, threshold, and controlling level of ventilatory assist.

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	EP 1366779A1, A61M 16/00, 03 December 2003, Beck et al. *see abstract	1-18
Y	WO 02056818A2, A61H 31/00, 25 July 2002, Sinderby *see abstract	1-18
A	US 6,584,973, A61M 16/00, 01 July 2003, Biondi et al. *see abstract	1-18
A	US20030079750A1, A61M 16/00, 01 May 2003, Berthon-Jones *see abstract	1-18

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